

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/751,613	SCHMID ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Huyen Vo	2655	

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1. This communication is responsive to 1/18/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8 and 10-15.
3. The drawings filed on 12/29/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-6, 8, and 10-15 are allowed over prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Hunt et al. (US 6374226) disclose a method of managing grammars used in a speech recognition system, comprising: loading a first grammar in a grammar engine (*col. 5, line 61 to, col. 6, line 16 or referring to the operation of figure 3*); implementing a speech recognition interface (col. 10, ln. 32-42); communicating words in the first grammar to the SR engine through the SR interface (referring to Grammar_A in the Speech Recognizer 78 in figure 3); notifying the SR engine, through the SR interface, of rules in the first grammar (col. 3, ln. 54-65); and representing the rules in the first grammar to the SR engine through the SR interface (col. 3, ln. 54-65 or referring to Grammar_A in Speech Recognizer 78 of figure 3, Grammar_A contains more than one rule). Martin (US 5642519) teaches the grammar engine is a CFG engine and a method for implementing an engine-independent SR interface between the CFG engine and a speech recognition (SR) engine (*element 350 in figure 4 is the engine-independent SR interface*). Both Hunt et al. and Martin fail to specifically disclose the steps of receiving from the application, through the application interface, a change indication, indicating a change to the first grammar; determining, in the CFG engine, whether content of a rule in the first grammar is to be changed, based on the change indication; and if so, providing an invalidation indication to the SR engine, through the SR interface, indicating the first grammar is to be invalidated. Furthermore, it would have not been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to

modify Hunt et al. and/or Martin to obtain the claimed invention. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8, and 10-15 are allowed over prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huyen Vo whose telephone number is 703-305-8665. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To can be reached on 703-305-4827. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-7635.

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